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1. TURKISH MISOFF BATIBAY PROVIED US WITH ACCOUNT
OF MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS CAGLAYANGIL AND
BITSIOS WHICH DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM GREEK VERSION BUT IS
GENERALLY ON SAME TRACK. BATIBAY SAID MEETING TOOK PLACE
IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AUGUST 25
AND LASTED ABOUT 15 MINUTES. CAGLAYANGIL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSA-
DORS

TURKMEN AND TEZEL; BITSIOS BY AMBASSADORS PAPOULIAS
AND CARAYANNIS. CAGLAYANGIL PROPOSED THAT THE TWO MINISTERS
MEET SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, PREFERABLY SWITZERLAND, AROUND
SEPTEMBER 10. UNTIL THEN THE TWO SIDES WOULD EXCHANGE VIEWS
ON AN AGENDA FOR NEGOTIATIONS. CAGLAYANGIL FURHTER PROPOSED
THAT AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 10 MINISTERIAL MEETING THE TALKS
BE CONTINUED AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. FINALLY CAGLAYANGIL
SUGGESTED THAT WHEN THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE IN
NEW YORK AGAIN AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER FOR THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OPENING, THEY COULD MEET THEN TO REVIEW WHAT
PROGRESS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL

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2. ACCORDING TO BATIBAY, FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS WAS TOTALLY NONCOMMITAL. BITSIOS RESPONDED THAT HE COULD NEITHER ACCEPT NOR REJECT CAGLAYANGIL' S PROPOSALS AND ADDED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE CABINET BEFORE REPLYING. BATHSBAY SAID THE MEETING CONCLUDED QUITE PROMPTLY WITHOUT FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S MENTIONING THE GREEK APPLICATION TO THE ICJ, NOR BITSIOS' MENTIONING FURTHER SISMIL OPERATIONS.
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